

Mikoyan in Cuba

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(Text) Havana -At the invitation of the deputy premier and minister of the armed forces, Raul Castro, First Deputy Chairman A. I. Mikoyan of the USSR Council of Ministers spent two days, 23 and 24 November, in Oriente. This trip rounded off Mikoyan's visit to all six Cuban provinces. On 23 November, Mikoyan familiarized himself with the main city of the province, Santiago de Cuba. Together with Raul Castro and Emilio Aragones, the Soviet guests visited the new, big residential district of Nueva Vista Alegre. This is an entire town of well-appointed one-apartment houses, drowned in verdure and flowers. In the morning of 24 November, Mikoyan and the Cuban hosts visited the school townlet named after Cienfuegos.

Leaving the school townlet, Mikoyan made an entry in the book of guests of honor, saying that he was greatly impressed by this great creation of the Cuban revolution, an educational center for the children of the people. "Everything is young here, just like the socialist Republic of Cuba itself, the first socialist country on the American continent," Mikoyan noted. "The spirit of the Cuban revolution is felt everywhere," Mikoyan continued. It is felt particularly at this spot. "Long live full victory (of socialism?) in Cuba, this beacon attracting the yet unliberated peoples."

In the afternoon Mikoyan laid a wreath on the tomb of the great Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti at Santiago de Cuba. Then Mikoyan proceeded with Paul Castro, Aragones, and Armando Acosta to the university in the capital of Oriente Province.

After a short speech by Paul Castro, the students were addressed by Mikoyan. He stressed the depth the Soviet and Cuban people. The Soviet Union, he said, has always helped, is helping, and will go on helping the revolutionary people of Cuba, who can rest assured that the Soviet people are their best friends. Mikoyan told the students about the successes scored by the peace-loving policy of the Soviet Union and highly praised the achievements of the Cuban revolution. He stressed that conditions were created as a result of a difficult struggle (words indistinct) further development along the lines of socialism, for its prosperity. Anastas Mikoyan's speech was punctuated by stormy applause and cheers in honor of friendship between the Cuban and Soviet people. The students rose and chanted: "Fidel, Khrushchev, we are with you!"

Anastas Mikoyan's stay in Oriente Province has shown once again the depth and strength of friendship between the two fraternal peoples: the Soviet Union and Cuba.

Mikoyan Farewell Speech

(Editor's Note--L) Moscow TASS in English to Europe 1142 GMT 26 November reports from Havana that First Deputy Premier Mikoyan made a radio and television speech there on 26 November.